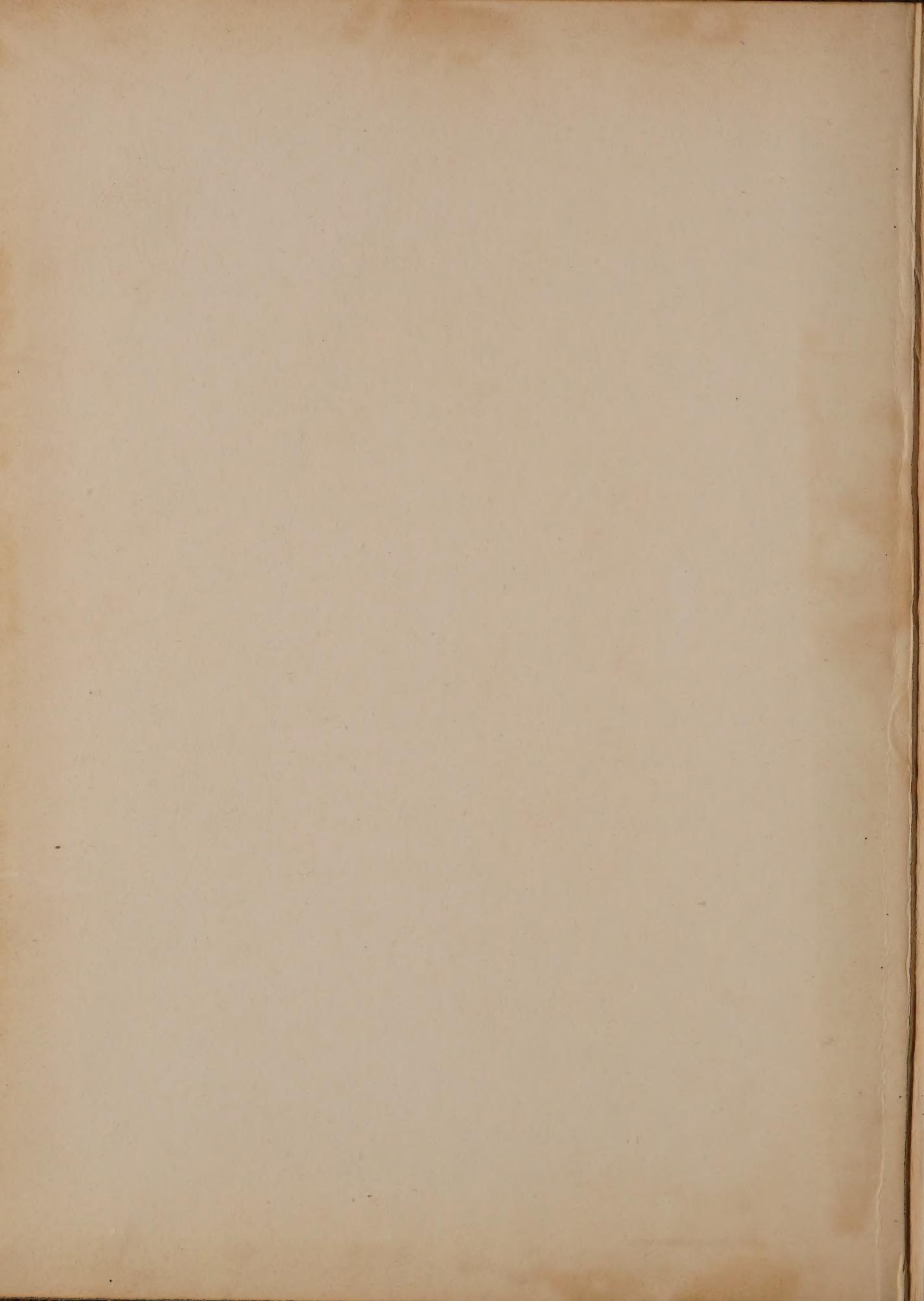
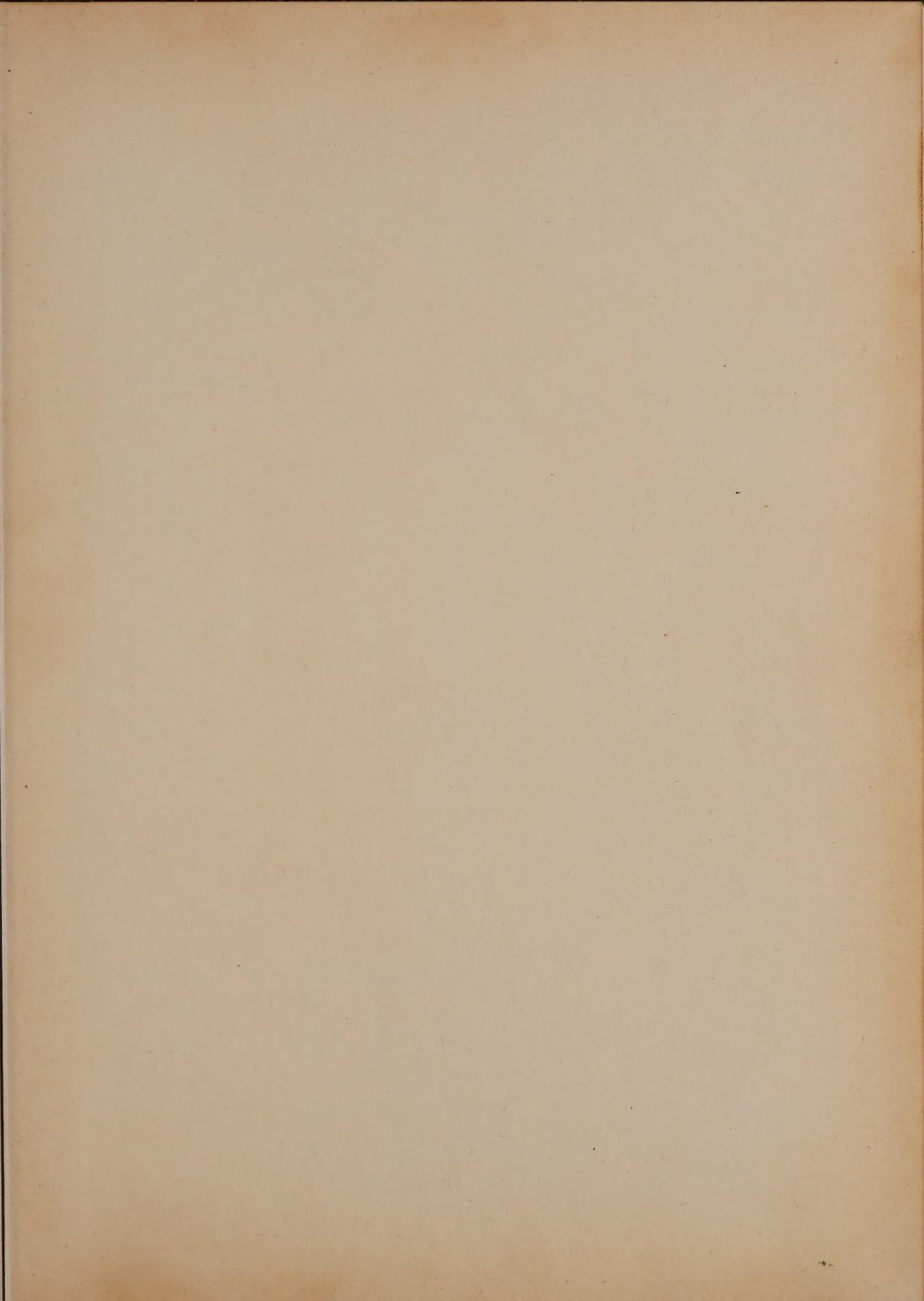


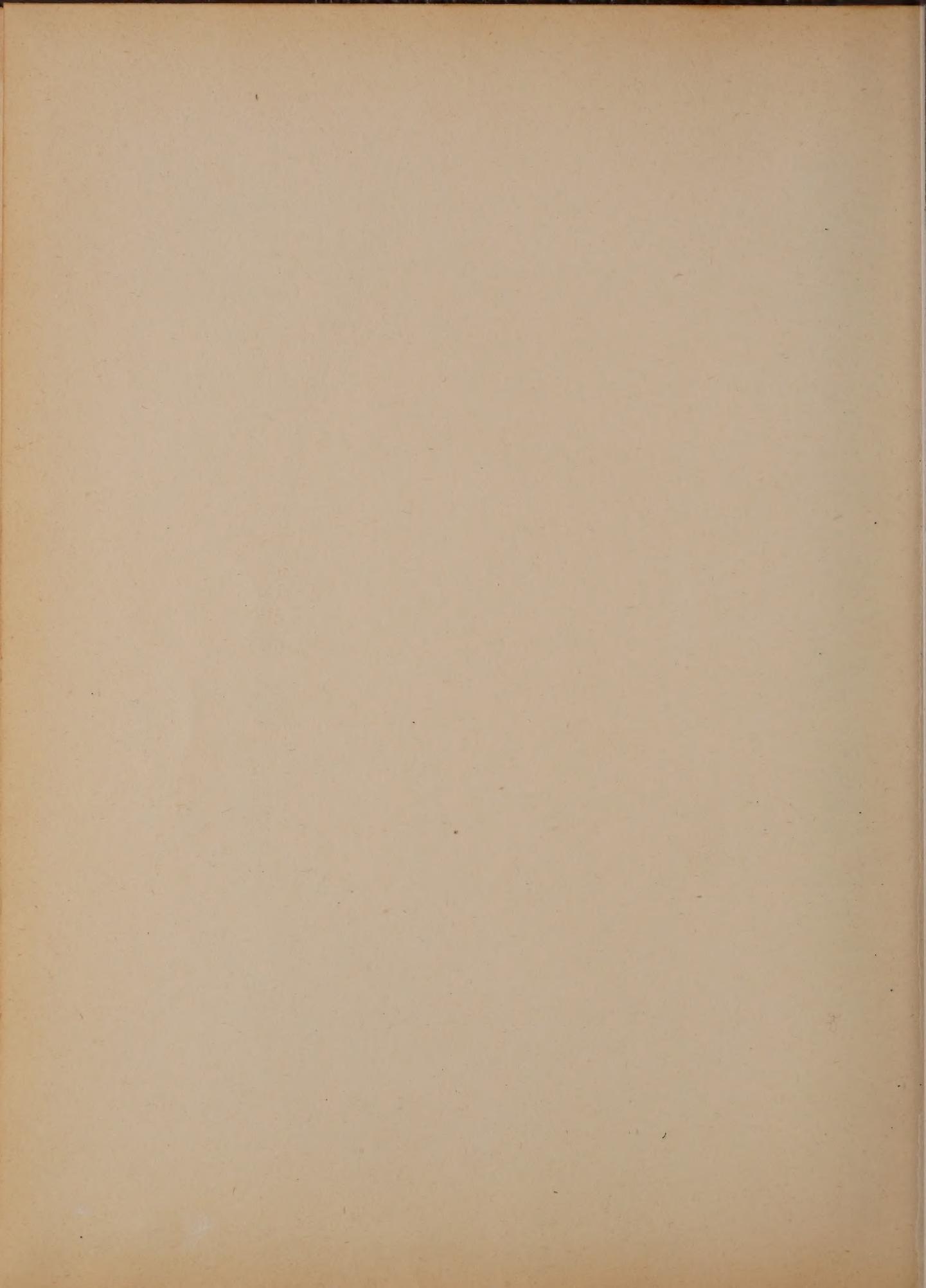


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NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE





A History of the Community

The ancient Greeks, according to history, when travelling far from their homeland, always carried with them a small statuette of their favorite god. When they had settled in their new home, they placed the statue in a small sanctuary near an eternal fireplace; the warmth from the hearth helped maintain their belief strong and undying in their god.

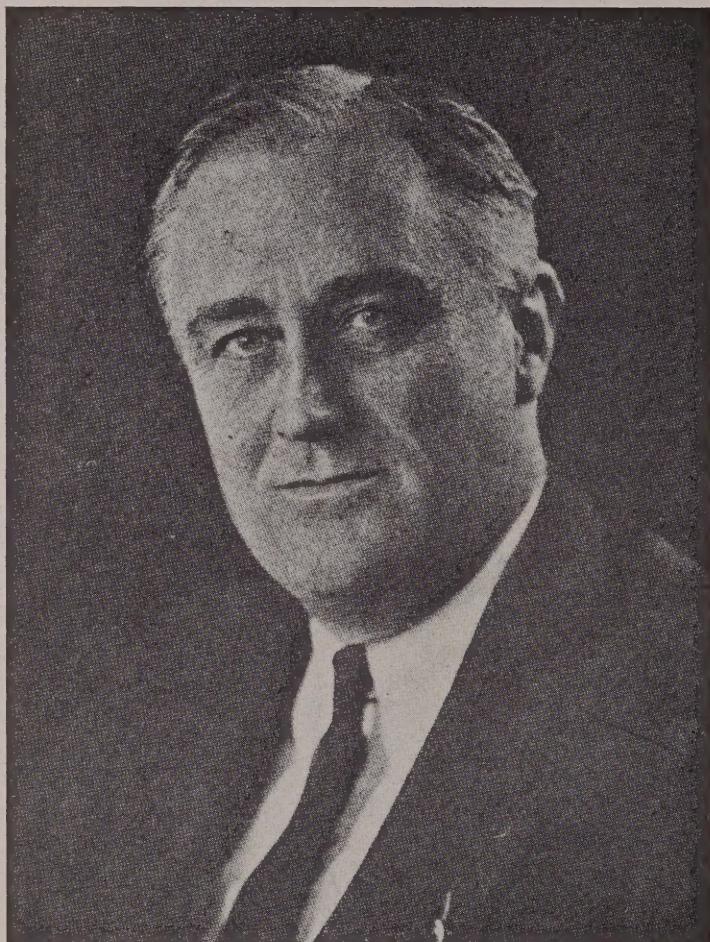
Similarly, their descendants, our present-day Greek-Americans, when they left their beloved homeland, took with them an ikon, around which they built a small sanctuary in some chosen room of their new home. This small sanctuary, which was kept warm by the dim light of a small candle, offered them a memory of their former home and a constant reminder of their belief. Many times during a day the family would pause and whisper a small prayer and in this way they kept alive the religion of their fathers. As it became more and more evident that they were adopting this new country as their new home, the hopes and prayers which had been kept alive by the light of the small candle for so many years, shortly were to be realized. The few Greek-Americans in Decatur and vicinity then began dreaming and planning the establishment of a brotherhood for the purpose of building a church for themselves and their children.

On the 14th day of April 1919, a charter was granted by the State of Illinois for the organization of the "Hellenic Society of Decatur, Illinois", to the trusteeship of the following men, who were named as directors: Sam Malleos, Nick Spell, Peter Balamos, James Dovekas, Peter Bacopoulos, George Calfas, George Davis.

This was the first step, taken by this small group of enterprising men, toward the full realization of all our dreams. Without the loyal support of the various small groups of Greek Orthodox citizens, throughout central Illinois, and the everpresent help of the fellow businessmen of other religious denominations in Decatur, the full realization of their dreams would never have come about.

Nine years later, in 1927, the above Greek Orthodox Church "Annunciation", was built. Rev. Emmanuel Papapanagiotou was the first Priest to say the Divine Liturgy in the Church, on Christmas Day, 1927. The following men were the first officers to be elected to the board of the new church: Tom Greanias, President; Nick Malleos, Vice-President; William Frank, Secretary; William A. Chiagouris, Treasurer.

We owe a great deal to the officers above and those that followed and we feel that the future generations will look upon their work with gratitude.



THE LATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT



Summer
**HIS HOLINESS
THE ECOUMENICAL PATRIARCH BENZAMIN THE SECOND**

**TIMELY EXERPT CONCERNING THE SUMMER
MONTHS FROM THE SERMONS OF ST.
JOHN CHRYSOSTOM. 345-407 A.D.**

"How am I distressed when I call to mind that in festival days the multitude assembled are like the broad expanse of the sea, but now not even the smallest part of that multitude is gathered together here. Where are those who oppress us with their presence on feast-days? I look for them, and am grieved on their account, when I mark what a multitude are perishing of those who are in the state of salvation. How few are reached by the things which concern salvation, and how large a part of the body of Christ is like a dead and motionless carcass!

"They perhaps make the summer season their excuse. I hear them saying, 'The heat

is excessive; the scorching sun is intolerable; we can not bear to be oppressed by the heat and confined space.' I am ashamed of them; such excuses are womanish. When the dew of the divine oracles is so abundant, dost thou make heat thy excuse? 'The water which I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life.' These are the words of Christ. When thou hast spiritual wells and rivers, art thou afraid of material heat? Now in the market-place where there is so much turmoil and crowding and scorching wind, how is it that you do not make suffocation and heat an excuse for absenting yourself? Here indeed, owing to the pavement floor and to the construction of the building, the air is lighter and cooler. Whence it is plain that these silly excuses are the offspring of indolence and of a supine disposition, destitute of the grace of the Holy Spirit."



MOST REVEREND
ARCHBISHOP
OF
AMERICA
ATHENAGORAS

RT. REVEREND GERASIMOS
BISHOP OF
CHICAGO



From Socrates' Talk to His Friends Before Drinking the Hemlock

Friends who would have acquitted me, I would like to talk with you about this thing which has happened, before I go to the place at which I must die. Stay then awhile, for we may as well talk with one another while there is time. You are my friends, and I should like to show you the meaning of this event which has happened to me. O my judges—for so I may truly call you, I should like to tell you of a wonderful circumstance: Hitherto the familiar oracle within me has constantly been in the habit of opposing me, even in the trifles, if I was going to make a slip or err in any matter; and now, as you see, there has come upon me the last and worst evil. But the oracle made no sign of opposition, either as I was leaving my house and going out in the morning, or while I was speaking, at anything which I was going to say: and yet I have often been stopped in the middle of a speech; but now in nothing that I either said or did touch this matter has the oracle opposed me. What do I take to be the explanation of this? I will tell you. I regard this as a great proof that what has happened to me is good: and that those who think that death is an evil are in error. For the customary sign would surely have opposed me had I been going to evil and not to good.

Let us reflect in another way, and we shall see that there is no great reason to hope that death is good. For one of two things—either death is a state of nothingness; or, as men say, there is a change and migration of the soul from this world to another.

Now if you suppose that there is no consciousness, but a sleep like the sleep of him who is undisturbed even by the sight of dreams, death will be an unspeakable gain. For if a person were to select the night in which his sleep was undisturbed even by dreams, and were to compare this with the other days and nights of his life; and then were to tell us how many days and nights he had passed in the course of his life better and more pleasantly than this one, I think this man—I will not say a private man, but even the great king—will not find many such days or nights, when compared with others. Now if death is like this I say that to die is gain; for eternity is then only a single night. But if death is the journey to another place—and there, as men say, all are dead—what good can be greater than this? If, indeed, when the pilgrim arrives in the world below, he is de-

livered from the professors of justice in this world, and finds the true judges who are said to give judgment there—Minos, and Rhadamanthus, and Aeacus, and Triptolemus, and other sons of God who were righteous in their own life—that pilgrimage will be worth making.

Above all, I shall then be able to continue my search into true and false knowledge, as in this world, so also in that. And I shall find out who is wise, and who pretends to be wise and is not. What would not a man give to be able to examine the leader of the Trojan expedition; or Odysseus, or Sisyphus, or numberless others—men and women, too! What infinite delight would there be in conversing with them and asking questions!—in another world they do not put a man to death for asking questions; assuredly not. For besides being happier in that world than in this, they will be immortal, if what is said be true. Wherefore, be of good cheer about death, and know of a certainty that no evil can happen to a good man, either in this life or after death. He and his are not neglected by the gods, nor has my own approaching end happened by mere chance. But I see clearly that to die and be released was better for me; and therefore the oracle gave no sign.

For which reason, also, I am not angry with my condemners or with my accusers. They have done me no harm, although they did not mean to do me any good; and for this I may gently blame them. Still I have a favor to ask of them. When my sons grow up, I would ask you, my friends, to punish them. And I would have you trouble them, as I have troubled you, if they seem to care about riches or anything more than about virtue.

Or if they pretend to be something when they are really nothing, then reprove them, as I have reproved you, for not caring about that for which they ought to care, and thinking that they are really something when they are really nothing. And if you do this, I and my sons will have received justice at your hands.

The hour of my departure has arrived, and we go our ways—I to die, and you to live. Which is better, God only knows.

"Whatsoever that be within us that feels, thinks, desires, and animates, is something celestial, divine, and, consequently, imperishable"—Aristotle, Greek Philosopher



The First Priest of Our Church

Rev. Emmanuel
Papapanagiotou



The First President of Our Community

Athanasiοs Greanias





THE 1945 AND 1946 COMMITTEE OF OUR COMMUNITY AND TRUSTEES OF OUR CHURCH

First row, left to right: Angelo Chiligris, George Margias, Rev. John Magoulias, Bill Karperos, treasurer, Epaminondas Balamos, president.

Second row: Den Haikalis, vice-president, Pete Soffas, Constantine Drakos, Den Pappas, Pete Stavropoulos, Tony Karamitsos, committee members, Bill Papastergiou, secretary, and Athanasios Greamias, adviser.

BE A BOOSTER

If you think your church the best
Tell 'em so!
If you'd have it lead the rest,
Help it grow!
When there's anything to do,
Let them always count on you,
You'll feel good when it is through
Don't you know?

When a stranger from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what you are—
Make it strong.
Never flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough.
Be a booster, that's the stuff,
Don't just belong.

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style;
Throw bouquets instead of rocks
For awhile.
Let the other fellow roast,
Shun him as you would a ghost:
Meet his banter with a boast
And a smile.

The Various Committees of the Different Organizations of Our Community

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Epaminondas Balamos, president, Dennis Haikalis, vice-president, Basil Papastergiou, secretary, Basil Karperos, treasurer, Athanasius Greanias, Pete Soffas, George Margias, Peter Stavropoulos, Constantine Drakos, Angelo Chiligiris, and Dennis Pappas.

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WE, REV. JOHN MAGOULIAS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE
VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF OUR COMMUNITY, RECOMMEND
TO THE READERS THE DIFFERENT PLACES OF BUSINESS
WHOSE ADVERTISEMENTS APPEAR IN THIS BOOK.



An open letter to my beloved parishioners

Let us be rejoicing in the Lord Jesus, for an abundance of faith flourishes in our small but competent community; a faith which is proven not only by confession of belief in words, but by works. This is in perfect harmony with James who writes in his epistle to the twelve tribes of Israel, "faith apart from work is dead."

Let us be rejoicing, for our faith is a living one; a faith which every member of our church has participated in keeping alive.

My heart rejoices greatly and my head swells with indescribable pride, because God has chosen me to serve you as his priest. From the very first day of my arrival here in Decatur, you, the parishioners, have been on hand to cooperate with me in the best of your ability for the betterment of the church. Your conduct has been from the beginning most praiseworthy.

These facts bring you near to me. These are the bonds that unite us and make you a part of myself. It is impossible for me to express in words the gratitude and love that I feel for you. My heart goes out to you.

May God bless you all.

REV. JOHN MAGOULIAS

Freedom from Want and Fear

It has been said that the aftermath of the war is more destructive than the war itself. This is particularly true in the case of Greece. That little heroic country fought victoriously for six months against the crack divisions of the fascist Italian army and resisted for over a month the mighty hordes of Nazi Germany with the loss of not less than thirty thousand men killed and severely wounded. And the damages that the Italian and German invasions inflicted on its cities and towns were severe during the actual fighting.

Greece suffered greatly and had appalling losses in men and material during the occupation and, strange to say, after her liberation. Her population was decimated by hunger, misery, disease. The Germans and the Italians executed thousands upon thousands, the henchmen of the communists killed over a hundred thousand. It was a real slaughter. The towns destroyed by the Germans are counted by the hundreds. The Eamist red revolution of last December turned to ruins a considerable part of the beautiful Grecian capital. The homeless and destitute in Greece are more numerous than those that have a cover over their heads and a meal to eat every day.

Greece was poor before the war. It is destitute today. Speaking recently at a dinner given by the London Rotarians, the Under-Secretary of Finance, Mr. Pezmazoglou, pointed to the necessity of giving her national rights to Greece if the world wants that little historic and oldest European nation to survive. "We are," he said, "the poorest nation in Europe. We have the smallest means, the smallest national income, and bear the greatest burden of taxation. In Greece there are 336 people to every square kilometer of agricultural land, as against 181 in Yugoslavia and 140 in Bulgaria. Our national debt amounts to the

equivalent of 59 dollars per head, as against 27 in Yugoslavia and 19 in Bulgaria. The poverty of our soil and pasture lands is reflected by the fact that while in Yugoslavia a cow produces 325 gallons of milk and in Bulgaria about 250, in Greece it only produces about 130 gallons."

In these dry figures we have the misfortune of Greece. And they only apply to periods of peace, and have deteriorated a hundredfold by reason of the war and the destruction which has been inflicted by four years of occupation. A poor country, thickly populated, with a poor soil and with a geographically strategic position is a misfortune for its inhabitants and a temptation to its enemies. The position of Greece is today more precarious than it used to be before the war. The war for liberation did not liberate Greece from fear and destitution and its freedom from tyranny will be but ephemeral if something serious is not done for securing its frontiers and giving the Greek nation some more fertile territory. No American that is in a position to appreciate the disproportionate part that Greece has played in this war, and knows something about conditions in Greece today and about her national economy, can imagine that the declaration of the objects of our struggle will remain just empty words so far as Greece is concerned. And it must not be assumed that the national claims of Greece for security and more territory are based merely on considerations of the smallness of the country, and the poverty of its soil. To everything the Greeks claim they have unshakable historic and ethnological titles. And, above all, they have sacred obligations towards their unredeemed brothers, the Greeks of northern Epirus, of the district of Monastir, of Eastern Rumelia and of Thrace.



"It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted"—Aeschylus, Greek Tragic Poet

"To be free from evil thoughts is God's best gift"—Aeschylus, Greek Tragic Poet

"Obedience is the mother of success, and is wedded to safety"—Aeschylus, Greek Tragic Poet

"Him who pitieh suffering men Zeus pitieh, and his ways are sweet on earth"—Aeschylus, Greek Tragic Poet

"I am indebted to my father for living, but to my teacher for living well"—Alexander of Macedon

"A tomb now suffices him for whom the whole world was not sufficient"—Greek Epigram on Alexander the Great

"A wise man will always be contented with his condition and will live rather according to the precepts of virtue, than according to the customs of his country"—Antisthenes, Greek Philosopher

"We must not contradict but instruct him that contradicts us; for a madman is not cured by another running mad also"—Antisthenes, Greek Philosopher

"Observe your enemies, for they first find out your faults"—Antisthenes, Greek Philosopher



**C. Diamantopoulos
Ambassador of Greece**

The Greek Orthodox Churches in America, besides being the centers of the spiritual life of the American citizens of Greek descent, are also the principal depositaries of the precious heritage the immigrants from Greece have brought with them to this great country of their adoption. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the trustees and guardians of this heritage for future generations of Greek-Americans, and its preservation depends largely upon them.

That is why I wish to extend to the President and the Board of Officials, as well as to all members of the Greek Orthodox Church of Decatur, Illinois, my best wishes on the occasion of the coming dedication of their Church.

C. Diamantopoulos,
Ambassador of Greece

August 23, 1945

❖ Congratulations ❖



THE CHOIR OF THE CHURCH AND THE ALTAR BOYS

First row, left to right: Panagiota N. Malleos, Christine D. Kariotis, Angelo C. Drakos, Pete D. Haikalos, Cris G. Tsevelekos, Christine B. Mentis, Fanny B. Karperos.

Second row: Panagiota D. Pappas, Frances S. Vallas, John P. Balamos organist, Rev. John Magoulias, Angeline S. Vallas, Martha P. Soffas.

Third row: Helen N. Malleos, Bessi P. Balamos, Bessi P. Bakopoulos leader of the choir, Angeline G. Tsevelekos, and Constantine B. Mentis.



Celebration Day . . .

Freedom of Greece from the Axis

THE GREEK-AMERICANS REJOICING ON THE FINAL VICTORY

With a hearty rejoicing the Greek-Americans, all over the States, greeted the news of Japan's acceptance of the terms for the unconditional surrender. The note of thankfulness to Almighty God was not lacking. Church services, scheduled long in advance, offered an opportunity for public thanksgiving and rededication to the tasks of peace. The victory for which the Greek-Americans in the United States have been praying and for which they gave more than 80,000 soldiers and officers, became a reality. The Greek-Americans, according to very reliable information, were first in giving their sons in the Army and Navy; first in buying War Bonds and Stamps; first in expressing their joy upon the victory; and first they will be, no doubt, in the reconversion program of this Government in the very near future.

Humanity breathes freely now that the World War is over. Never before in the history of the world have people in Europe and Asia suffered so severely. Were it not for the vast resources and the manpower of America the war would have lasted many more years. All the oppressed countries in general owe an everlasting gratitude to the United States of America. We should pray to Almighty God to keep our country strong and prosperous for the benefit of all mankind.

Italy, Germany, and Japan bluffed the world with their military might. Greece was the first country to call the Italian bluff. A few Greeks without modern military equipment gave the Fascists a licking which they will never forget. When the Germans invaded Greece, they found too an unexpected opposition. They thought they would overrun Greece in thirty hours but it took them thirty days.

The Greek Ladies Philoptohos Society takes this occasion to extend their heartiest congratulations on the dedication of the church.



The committee in charge of correspondence with the Greek Boys in the Armed Services are left to right: Mrs. Mary Soffas, Mrs. Fanny Kareotes, Mrs. Angeline Greanias, Mrs. Jenny Haikalis, and Mrs. Mary Chiligiris.

BE A GREEK!

Alexander, Caesar and Napoleon each lived in a very limited world. They conquered all the world they could reach, and then they erected a shrine to the god Terminus.

Every individual lives in a limited world. And all the world we should attempt to conquer is our own world. Also, it is well to realize the dictum of Aristotle, that the foes of an army are those within its own camp. That is to say, our enemies are those which lurk in our own hearts—hate, fear, jealousy, sloth, greed, inertia, appetite. To conquer the foes within is a task indeed. But the recipe for peace at home is a foreign war, and so the person who would be strong and efficient should enlist in the University Militant and help conquer the foreign foe, this as a part of the plan for conquering himself.

Choose your division and enlist in the army that is fighting for Human Rights. Don't be a neutral or a camp-follower. Get in the fight and stand back to the wall. Be one of a glorious minority. Be a GREEK, and never let yourself be swallowed up by a Persian mob. Dare to stand alone, to fight alone, to live alone, to die alone! Otherwise, you will not live at all—you will only exist.

Elbert Hubbard

REVERENCE TOWARDS OLD AGE

Being that the Olympian games were soon to take place, a certain old man desired greatly to watch them. Unfortunately, an empty seat was not to be found. Going from seat to seat, a great commotion was stirred up, and the white bearded gentleman was sworn at and made fun of, but welcomed by no one. As soon as he reached the seats where the Lacedaemonians were sitting, all the children and many of the men immediately arose, giving up their seats. The rest of the Greeks, seeing this kind act, clapped and praised the character of the Lacedaemonians. The old man, shaking his white head, and shedding a few tears, said, "How is it, that all the Greeks know what is good, but only the Lacedaemonians make use of it."



"It is better to fall among crows than flatterers; for those devour only the dead—these the living"—Antisthenes, Greek Philosopher

"He who acts wickedly in private life, can never be expected to show himself noble in public conduct. He that is base at home, will not acquit himself with honor abroad; for it is not the man, but only the place that is changed"—Aechines, Athenian Orator

TIMON THE MISANTHROPE

Timon was an Athenian, who lived during the Peloponnesian War. He shunned and avoided all society. It is said that at a certain assembly, he stepped up to the platform to speak and immediately everyone became quiet so that the reason of this strange change in Timon might be learned. Timon then said, "Athenians, I have a small lot; in it there is a fig tree upon which many of our citizens as to date have hanged and committed suicide. In as much as I am going to build upon this lot, I wanted to make known to you the fact, so that if any one among you so desires, he may go and hang himself before I cut the tree."

First of all, we must observe that in all these matters of human action the too little and the too much are alike ruinous, as we can see (to illustrate the spiritual by the natural) in matters of strength and health. Too much and too little exercise alike impair the strength, and too much meat and drink and too little both alike destroy the health, but the fitting amount produces and preserves them. So, too, the man who takes his fill of every pleasure and abstains from none becomes a profligate; while he who shuns all becomes stolid and insusceptible.

Aristotle

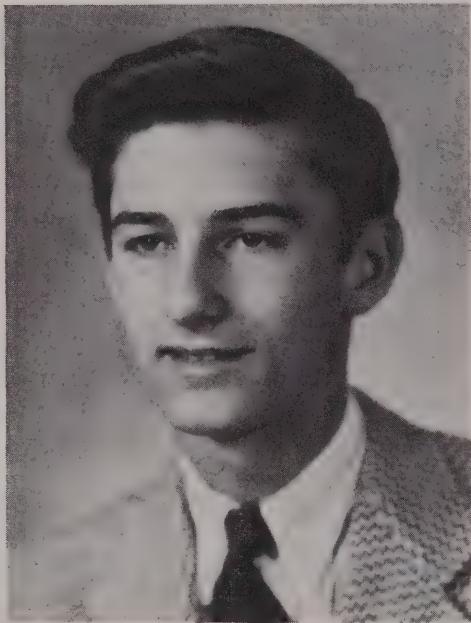
A husbandman who had a quarrelsome family, after having tried in vain to reconcile them by words, thought he might more readily prevail by an example. So he called his sons and bade them lay a bundle of sticks before him. Then having tied them up into a fagot, he told the lads, one after another, to take it up and break it. They all tried, but tried in vain. Then, untying the fagot, he gave them the sticks to break one by one. This they did with the greatest ease. Then said the father: "Thus, my sons, as long as you remain united, you are a match for all your enemies; but differ and separate, and you are undone."

Aesop

"Thou canst not better reward a liar than in not believing whatever he speaketh"—Aristippus, Greek Philosopher

"Men of sense often learn from their enemies. It is from their foes, not their friends, that cities learn the lesson of building high walls and ships of war; and this lesson saves their children, their homes, and their properties"—Aristophanes, Greek Comic Poet

*In commemoration of the greatest event of our life,
we present below the picture of our beloved son*



ATHANASIOS B. MENTIS

*who, on Christmas Morning, 1927, the opening day
of our church, was the first infant to enter with his
mother and the first child to be received and blessed
by the priest. Tom was also the first child to be
baptized in this church on the 23rd of April, 1928.*

MR. AND MRS. BASIL MENTIS

ANECDOTES CONCERNING SOCRATES, ATHENIAN PHILOSOPHER WHO LIVED DURING THE FIFTH CENTURY B.C.

When asked, who is the richest of men, he replied, "He who is satisfied with the least."

He once said, "He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed."

When asked, how does he differ from other men, he replied, "In that they live to eat, and I eat to live."

When questioned as to why doesn't he write, he replied, "Because the paper is worth more than that which I would write."

One day, his wife Xanthipe, after swearing at him drenched him with water. Socrates then ironically remarked, "I always knew that rain followed thunder."

After being kicked by a certain person, Socrates turned to a bystander who was admiring his great patience, and said, "And if a jackass happened to kick me, would you expect me to kick it back?"

When told by his wife that he was to die unjustly, he remarked, "And to you my dear, do you desire that I die justly?"

When in his old age, he was found playing on the guitar, he was asked, "Do you play the guitar at such an age, Socrates?" He replied, "It is preferable to learn late in life, rather than never."

ANECDOTES CONCERNING THALES, ONE OF THE GREAT SOPHISTS OF ANCIENT GREECE. HE LIVED DURING THE SEVENTH CENTURY B.C.

When asked what did he consider difficult, he replied, "To know thyself"; when asked, what did he consider as easy, he replied, "To give advice to others."

Once, while studying the heavens, he fell in a ditch. His servant seeing her somewhat bewildered master exclaimed, "It serves you right, for in wanting to learn about the heavens, you ignore that which is at your feet."

Once when Solon came to Miletus to visit Thales, he expressed his surprise at seeing his good friend still unmarried. Thales however remained silent. After a short while a stranger saying that he had just arrived from Athens came to Thales' home. Solon learning that a stranger had just come from his home town, asked what the news was from Athens. The stranger replied, "Truly the only news I know of is the death of a young man who was being buried by the whole community. The dead boy was the son of a famous wise man of Athens, who has distinguished himself in virtue." Solon his forehead beaded with per-

spiration fearing that the dead boy was his own son, asked if the boy was the son of Solon. Receiving an affirmative reply, he began to beat his head and wail greatly. Thales, laughing heartily, grabbed Solon and said, "That which upsets you Solon, the bravest of all men, is exactly what prevented me from marrying. But have courage for all this was done to prove my point, and nothing of it is true."

ANECDOTES CONCERNING BIAS, ONE OF THE SEVEN WISE MEN OF ANCIENT GREECE. WHO LIVED ABOUT 570 B.C.

When Cyrus, king of Persia conquered the city of his birth, Priene of Asia Minor, all the citizens, with the exception of Bias, were seen taking along with them whatever they thought most valuable. When asked why he took nothing along he replied, "All that I have, I have brought with me," meaning his WISDOM.

Once, when sailing with impious passengers, the ship came in danger of sinking. His disrespectful fellow passengers began praying to the gods for help. Bias immediately called out to them to hold their silence, for it was highly probable that the gods might hear them and the destruction of their lives would then be certain.

He once said, that it is easier to judge between enemies, than between friends; for in the second case, it is certain that one of the friends will become an enemy, whereas in the first, one of the enemies will certainly become a friend.

When asked, what did he consider as the sweetest thing to man, he replied, "Hope".

"It is better to be a beggar than ignorant; for a beggar only wants money, but an ignorant person wants humanity"—Aristippus, Greek Philosopher

"Evil events come from evil causes; and what we suffer, springs generally from what we have done."—Aristophanes, Greek Comic Poet

"Wise men, though all laws were abolished, would lead the same lives"—Aristophanes, Greek Comic Poet

"Bashfulness is an ornament to youth but a reproach to old age"—Aristotle, Greek Philosopher

"It is well to be up before daybreak, for such habits contribute to health, wealth, and wisdom"—Aristotle, Greek Philosopher

"No one loves the man whom he fears"—Aristotle, Greek Philosopher

Congratulations



Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Gus T. Greanias
and Family



ADMIRAL OF GREEK NAVY VISITS TOMB

Under auspices of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club Alexander E. Sakellariou, Admiral of the Greek Navy, spoke at the Centennial Building auditorium in Springfield. In the afternoon he placed a wreath on Lincoln's tomb in behalf of the people of Greece. At the tomb, left to right, are: Walter M. Provine, Herbert Wells Fay, Custodian; Capt. John Gekas, U. S. Army; Adm. Sakellariou, Louis Kavetas, and Theodore Fraggos. Charles Maxwell blew taps for the group.

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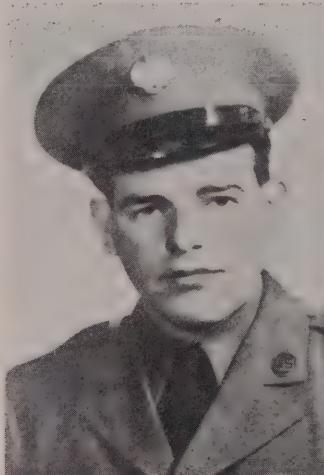
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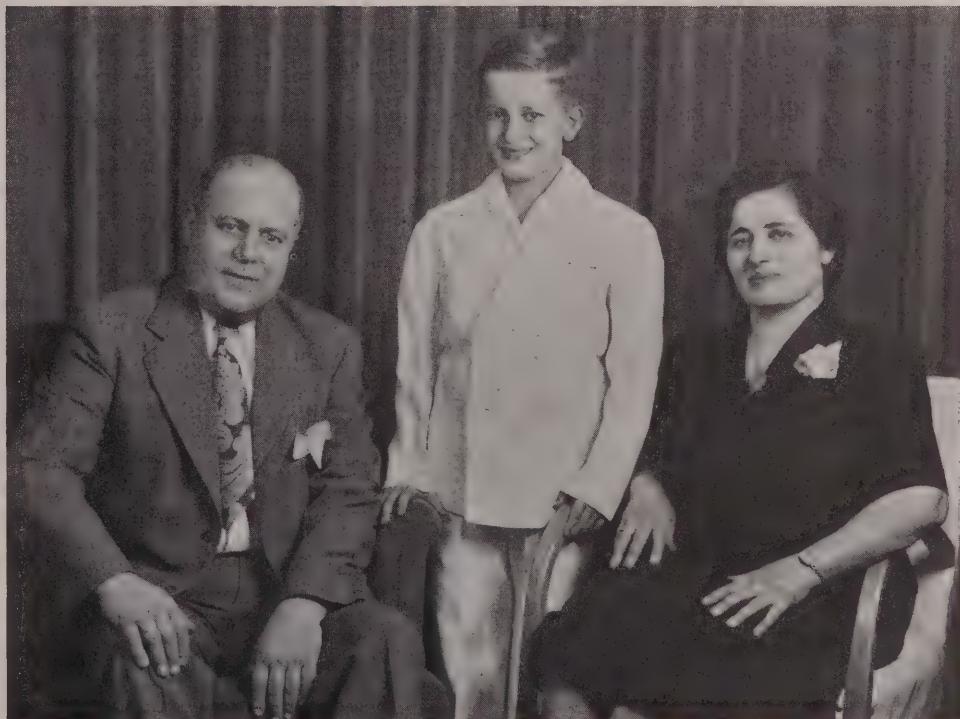
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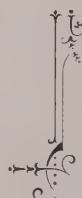
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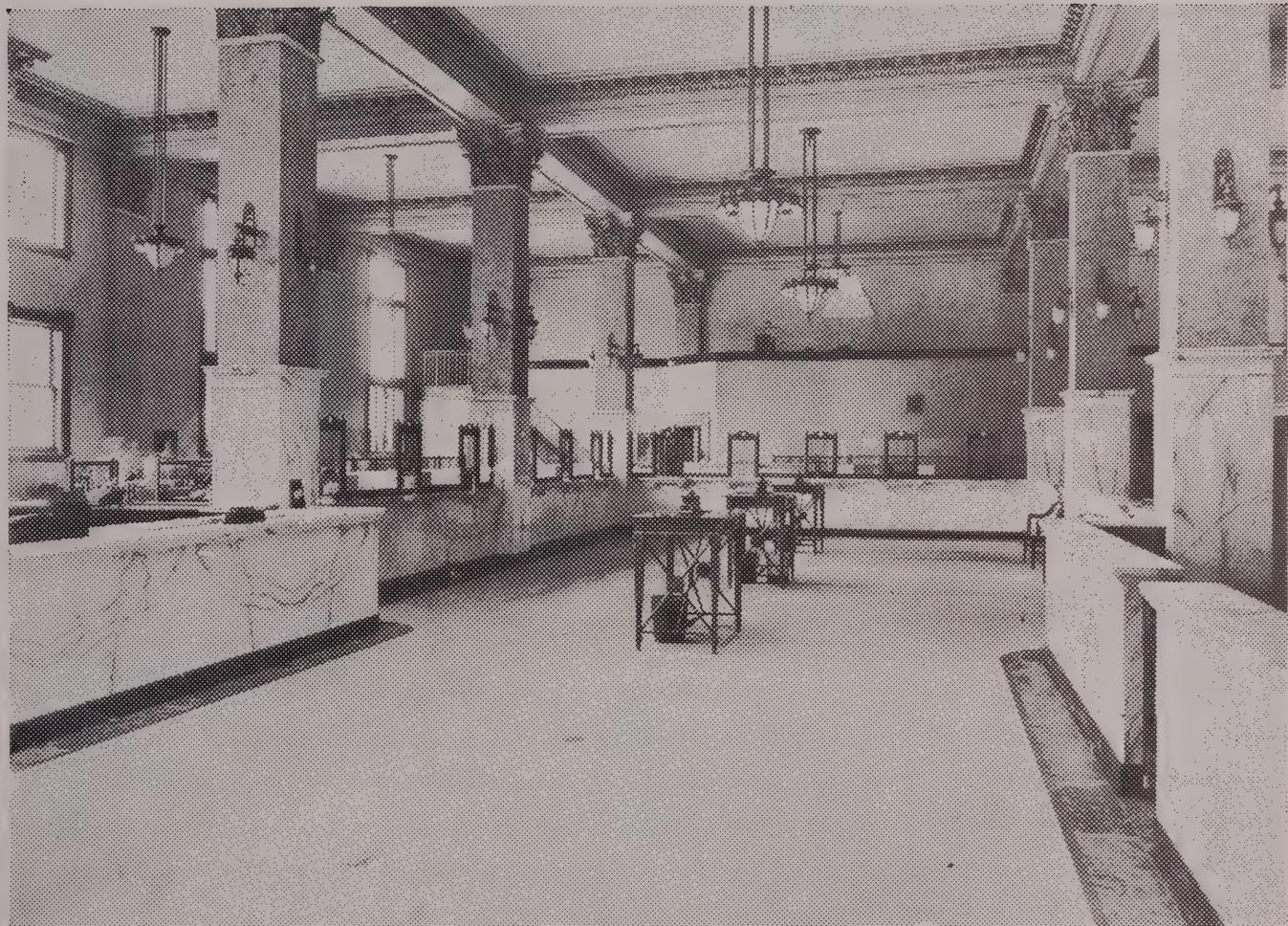
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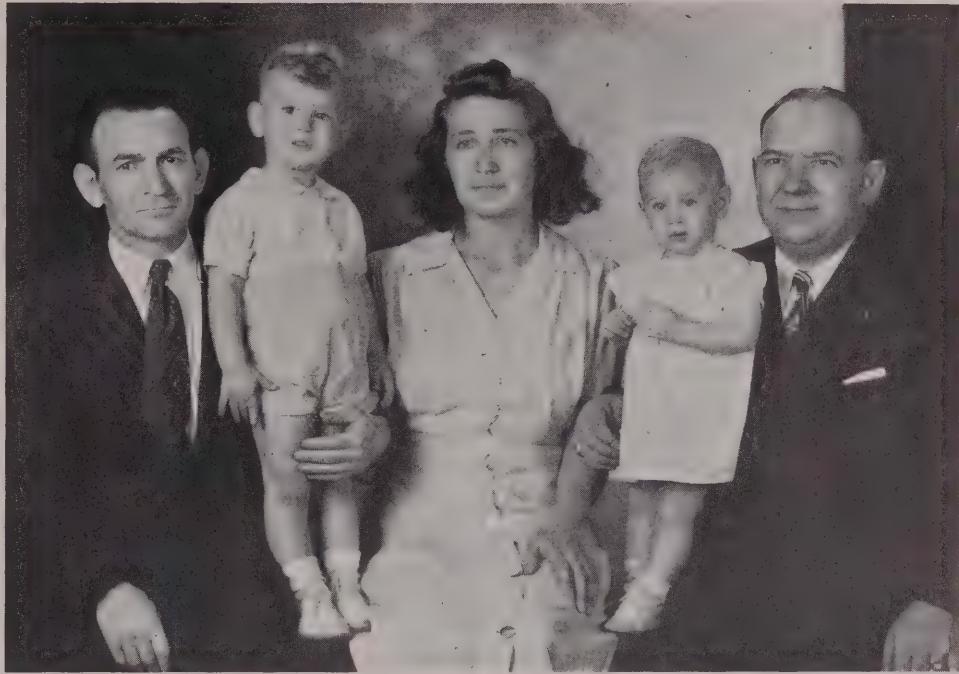
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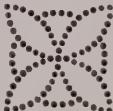




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"Be more prompt to go to a friend in adversity than in prosperity"—Chilo, Greek Sage

"What is difficult? To keep a secret, to employ leisure well, to be able to bear an injury"—Chilo, Greek Sage

"Hope of ill gain is the beginning of loss"—Democritus, Greek Philosopher

"One great difference between a wise man and a fool is, the former only wishes for what he may possibly obtain; the latter desires impossibilities"—Democritus, Greek Philosopher

"Prefer loss before unjust gain: for that brings grief but once; this forever"—Chilo, Greek Sage

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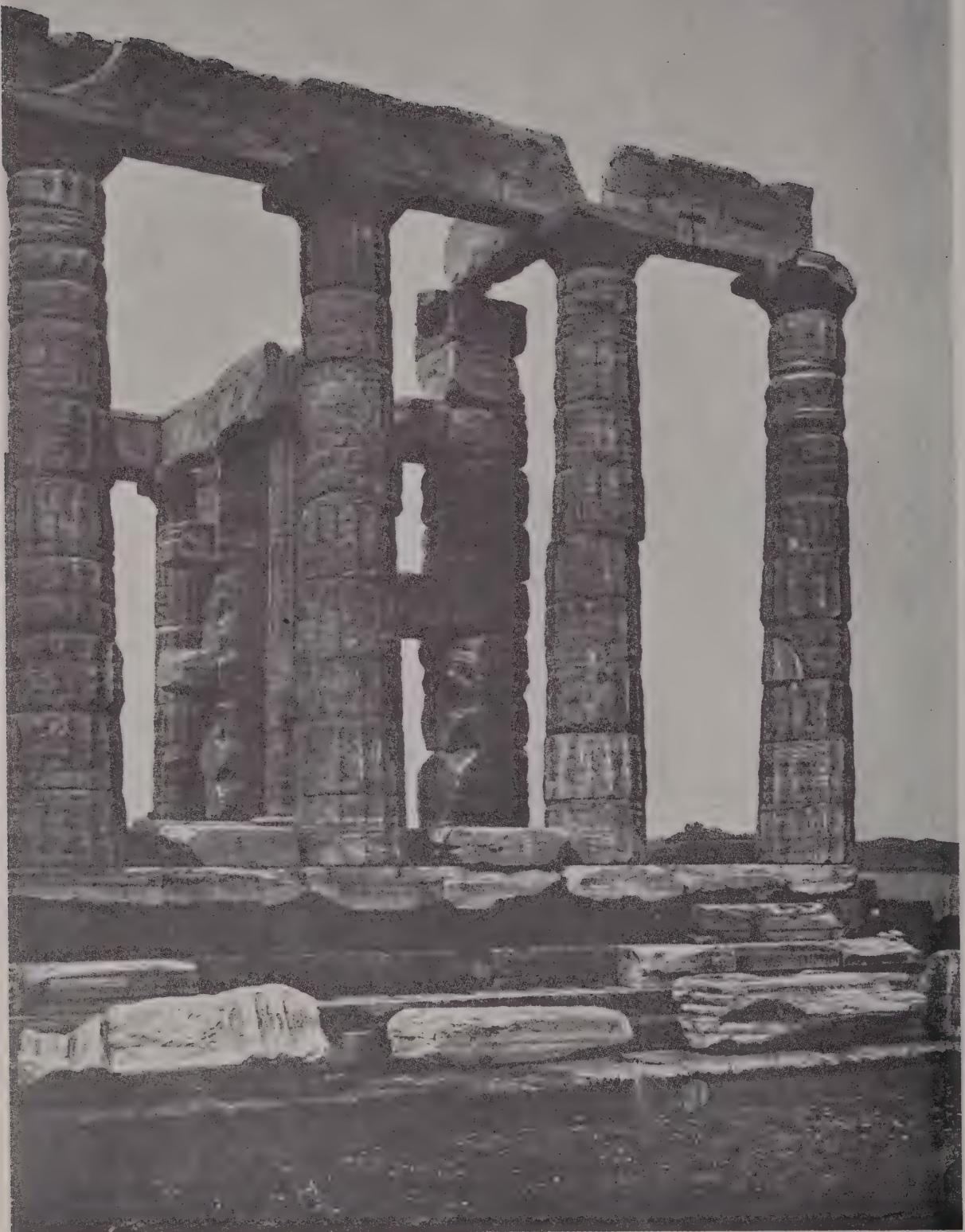


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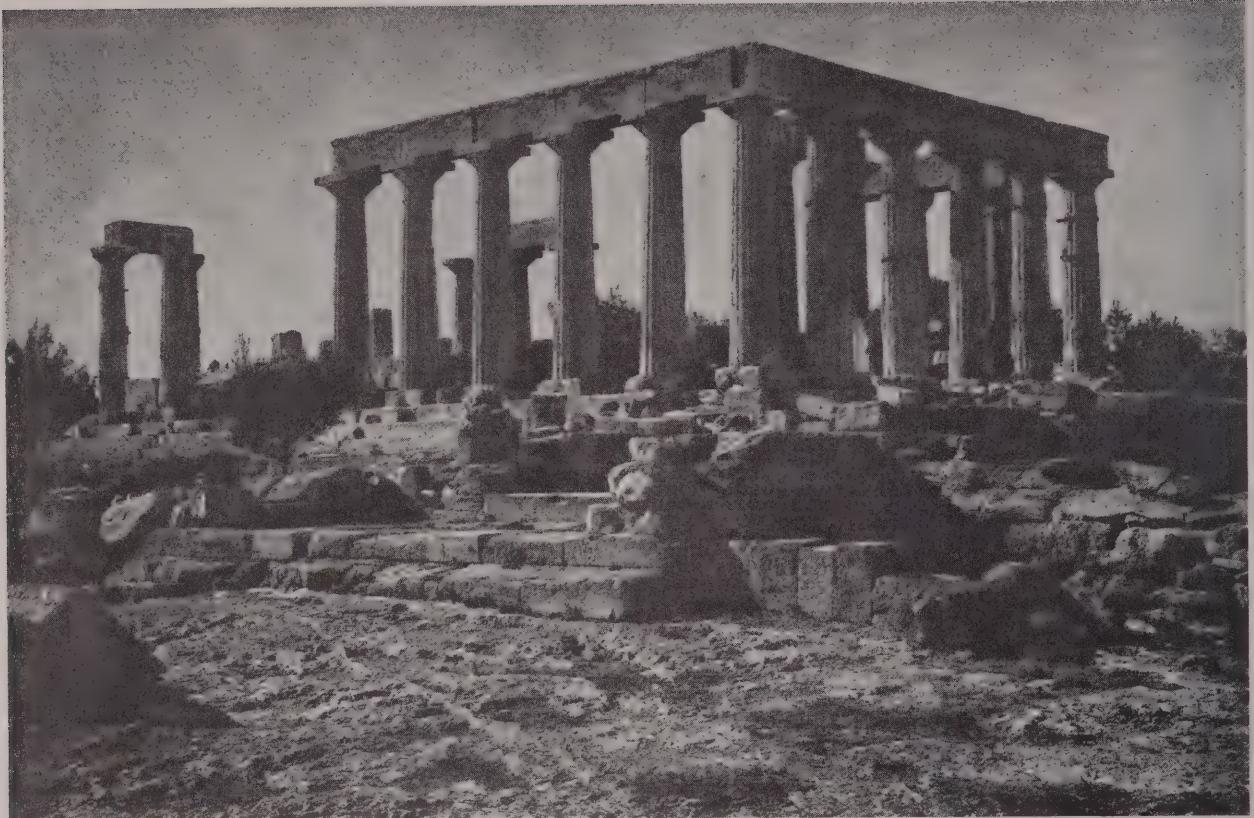
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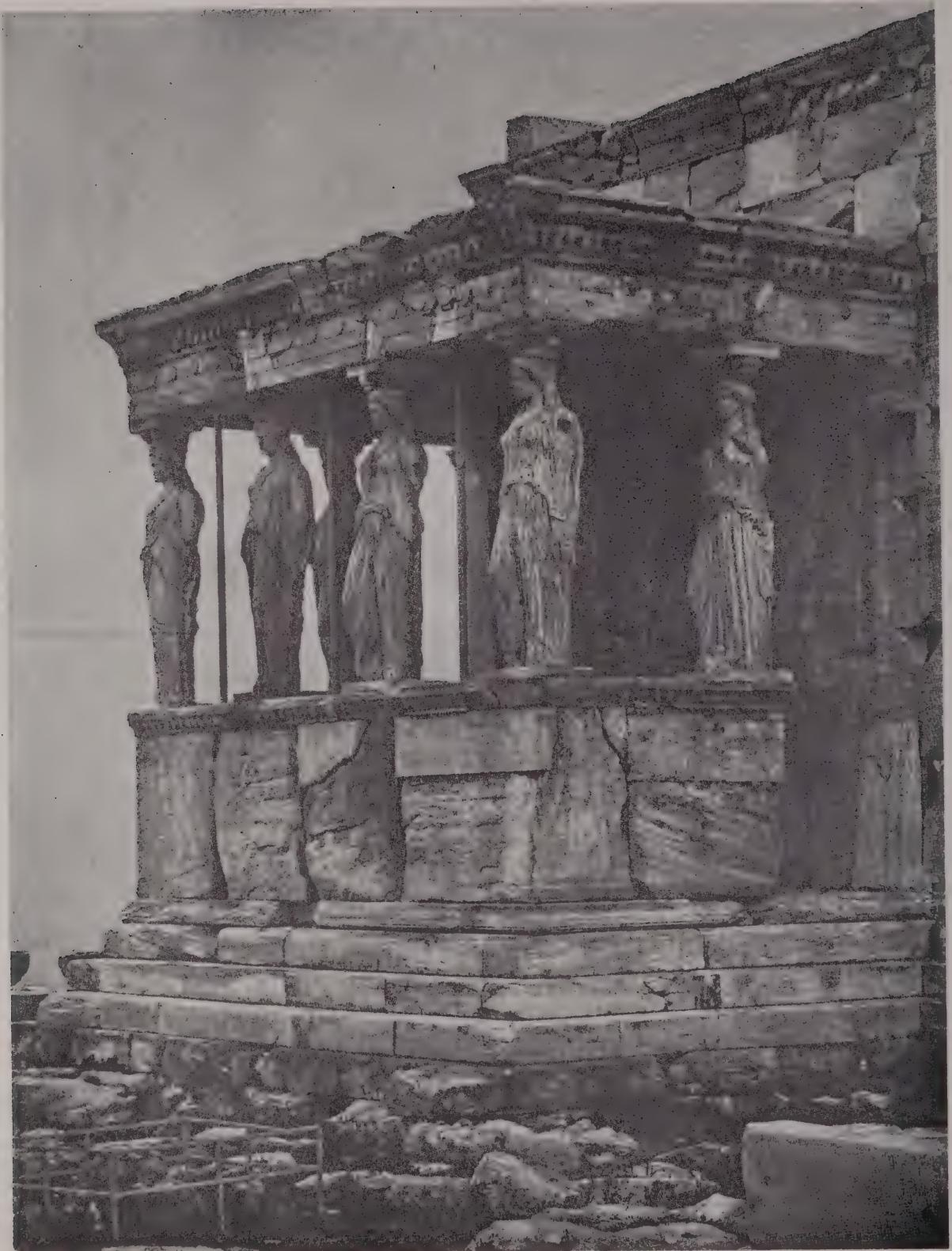
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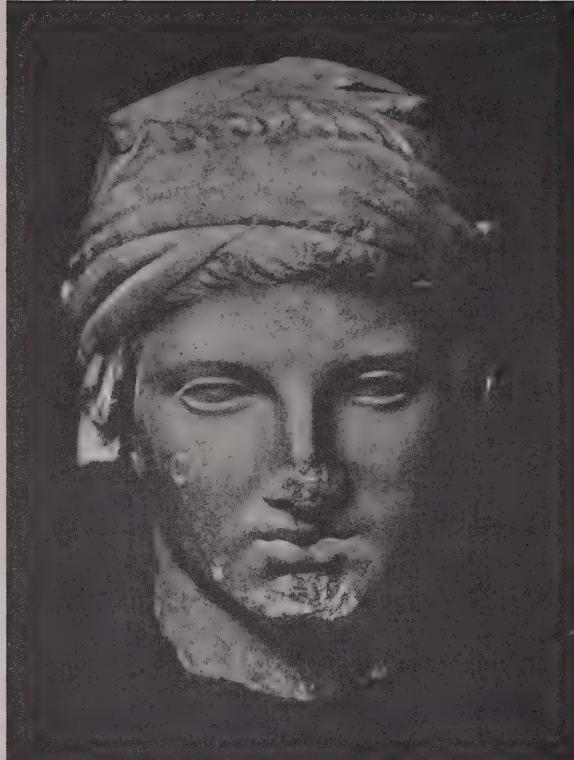
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April 13	1947	April 6
May 2	1948	March 28
April 24	1949	April 17
April 9	1950	April 9
April 29	1951	March 25
April 20	1952	April 13
April 5	1953	April 5
April 25	1954	April 18
April 17	1955	April 10
May 6	1956	April 1
April 21	1957	April 21
April 13	1958	April 6
May 3	1959	March 29
April 17	1960	April 17
April 9	1961	April 2
April 29	1962	April 22
April 14	1963	April 14
May 3	1964	March 29
April 25	1965	April 18
April 10	1966	April 10
April 30	1967	March 26
April 21	1968	April 14
April 13	1969	April 6
April 26	1970	March 29
April 18	1971	April 11
April 9	1972	April 2
April 29	1973	April 22
April 14	1974	April 14
May 4	1975	March 30
April 25	1976	April 18
April 10	1977	April 10
April 30	1978	March 26
April 22	1979	April 15
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Labrakos, Andy	3 Main St.
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Marandos, John	Grill Cafe

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Soumas, Louis	Grill Cafe
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Thelarites, George	105 N. Walnut St.
Tomaras, Pete	105 N. Walnut St.
Tsihlis, Kymon	512 S. Neil St.
Vrineer, Chrisoula	34 Main St.
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Dedes, George	23 E. Main St.
Galanis, Pete	23 Park St.
Holevas, Gus	11 N. Vermilion St.
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Karelas, George	213 W. Main St.
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Paras, Gus	122 Pine St.
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Vrentas, Evanthea	307 Harrison St.
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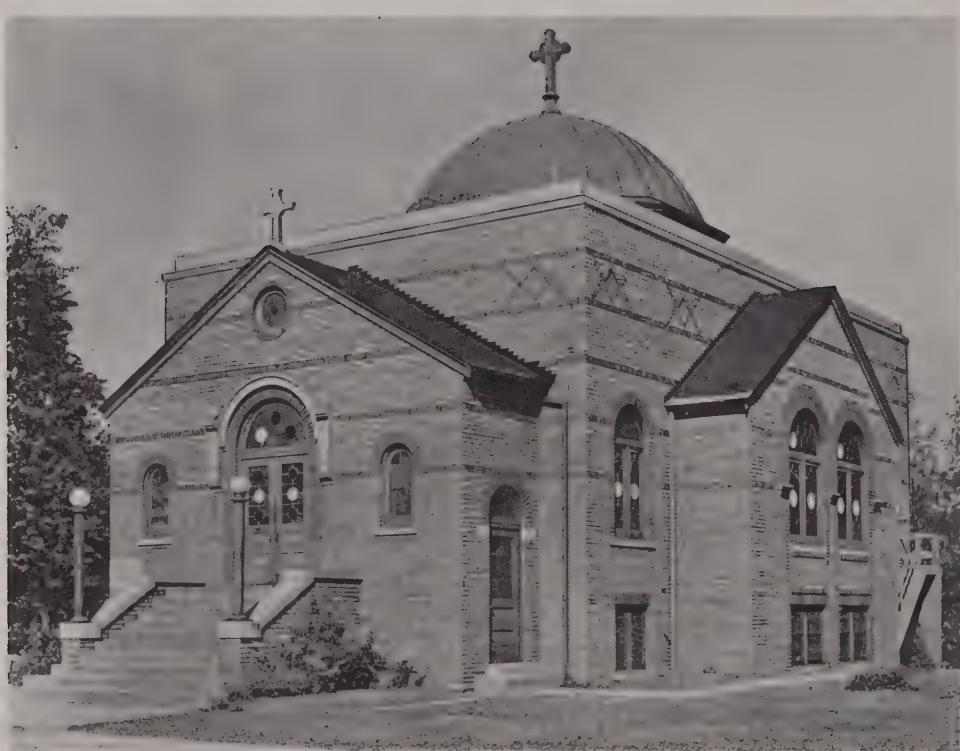
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